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The explication assignment was very straightforward and easy to understand. In this paper, I struggled most with the embedding of quotes and examples from the poem. I listed words and word phrases as if I was going shopping at Wegmans Grocery Store and my essay was my shopping list. Changing this format to embed the selected words and word phrases was a huge challenge, but not a challenge that I could not overcome. The embedding issue was responsible for the bulk of the problems that I encountered throughout this assignment. Aside from the problems with my essay, there are many good things as well. To start, I was able to comprehend the surface meaning and the deeper meaning of this poem. Each essay that a student writes must have something called a “so what” point. That point to my essay was to search and find the greater meaning of the poem, and then use the poem itself to support my findings. Strangely enough, I thoroughly enjoyed this task. I feel like a really had a good understanding of the overall meaning of this poem, and connecting pieces of the poem together to form this deeper meaning came easily. After I was able to state the true meaning of the poem, my next task was figuring out a way to organize my essay. In the past, I think that my organization could have been better. However, I felt that my organization allowed my paper to flow smoothly. I also have to say that I am very impressed with myself because I only had a total of two skills sheets! Obviously, my goal would be to compose an essay that required no skills pages, but I can certainly live with only two. I would lastly like to point out that I am a big fan of the comma, and conveniently, one of my skills pages is on unnecessary commas. In most of my papers, I have this issue. My goal is to work on this for the next paper. Even though I have a long way to go, I feel like I am continually developing as a writer.